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Billboards Emphasize Decision To Become Co-Ed

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September 13, 1962

Former President Dwight Eisenhower joined Charles Halleck and college President Fr. Gross for the laying of Halleck Center's cornerstone. "Charlie Halleck Day" included a massive chicken barbecue on the college grounds.

October 14, 1965

Under the sponsorship of Fr. Dreiling and the Physics Dept., sophomores Tom Myslinski and Tim Raykovich have undertaken a revival of WSJC (636 AM), the campus radio station.

February 16, 1969

The faculty voted to depart from the present system of separate general education courses to an integrated, interdepartmental program which will combine these courses into a single four-year Core program.

October 22, 1970

The Saint Joseph's 107-member marching band will perform during the Nov. 8 Chicago Bears football game against the 49ers. The band will perform a regionally televised five-minute pre-game show and a seven-minute half-time show.

December 8, 1977

A bar has been established in the poolroom adjacent to the snack bar. Club hours are Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Senior Theresa Strebing, Halas Hall, won the \$25 prize for proposing the name "Core XI."

47th Year Begins With Registration

October 1, 1937

On Sept. 13, each arrival of the Monon at Rensselaer assumed new importance; on that day Charlie, the taximan, became once more the town's official greeter, for it was Freshman registration at the college. In the hub-bub and excitement caused by the arrival of so many new faces, the number of students seemed very near incalculable.

The totals result thus: Religious of the Community, 66; College Professional Students, 118; High School Students 95; - which reaches the grand total of 279.

The student-body hails from every point of the compass; there are descendants of the Gael and of the Slav; young men intrigued by declensions and test tubes; the intricacies of the grid-iron are dear to some, the involutions of mathematics captivate others. All are Catholic young men, seeking that which will be the greatest treasure of their future lives: a good Catholic education.

With Our Alumni

May 1945

Reported missing in action Oct. 22. Pfc. John Goetz has notified his mother that he is well in a German prison camp.

John Hyland was killed in the battle of Iwo Jima, in which seven St. Joseph's officers partook.

From India came a letter from Ken Platt, with the English army. Though the Indians are agreeable to get along with, the men have to be careful not to offend them. Ken is proud of his grammar he can use, even though the other English soldiers call him "Yankified."

Now we've got
Brains and Beauty

Saint Joseph's (Co-ed) College

Rensselaer Ind.

February 27, 1969

Saint Joseph's has chosen the placement of billboards in or near 15 Indiana cities to call attention to the fact that, after 78 years of all-male tradition, residential coeducation has become a fact of life at Collegeville.

In explaining the billboard program, Jerry Gladu, Director of Development for Estates Planning, says "In the past two years many all-male or all-female colleges have decided to

become coeducational institutions. We were looking for a dramatic way to emphasize our decision."

The result was the placement of billboards throughout Indiana, others in Michigan and, to top it all off, a "Brains and Beauty" poster across the street from the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco.

Billboard space was donated by outdoor advertising agencies,

which were contacted by alumnus Jack Dingeman, the President of Dingeman Outdoor Advertising of Traverse City, Mich. The only cost was \$300 for printing and posting the signs.

In Indiana, signs have been posted in or near Indianapolis, Elkhart, Plymouth, Etna Green, Angola, LaGrange, Vincennes, Loogootee, Washington, Jasper, Huntington, Dale, New Albany, and Jeffersonville.

Twister Strikes Campus

May 14, 1952

The Big Wind visited Saint Joe late in the evening of May 5. During its short stay, it somewhat reassembled the features of the college grounds and left many calling cards, in the form of loose branches and limbs, strewn about the campus.

Serious damage was avoided by the fact that the twister, which lasted but a short time and disappeared as fast as it had come, did not touch ground, but hovered in the air.

Trees were the hardest hit. A large European elm between the infirmary and the post office was felled after being lifted a bit into the air by the wind.

Perhaps the most spectacular incident was the removal of the water tower lid and its deposition near the sisters' quarters. Part of the wood-and-metal-

sheeting structure struck a porch roof and tore a hole in a window screen. No one was injured.

More heart-breaking than this was the damage done to the Junior Prom decorations in the fieldhouse. Despite efforts of several juniors nearby, the wind tore one of the west doors of the gym off its hinges and blasted through, ruining the false ceiling set up for the event.

Besides the door, the wind also gave the fieldhouse another going over by lifting one of the skylights and dropping it near the tennis courts. Twisted metal and the glass-strewn area paid tribute to the force of the fall.

At least one student lost his radio when it was blown through his window screen and part of another radio was found in left field on the baseball diamond.

Dewey Campaigns in SJC Fieldhouse

October 13, 1948

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Republican candidate for president of the United States, is scheduled to give a campaign address this Saturday in the St. Joseph's fieldhouse. Mr. Dewey will arrive in Rensselaer by special train at 11:45 a.m.

Dewey started a nine-state campaign Saturday night through the Middle West. He will swing across northern Indiana Saturday, stopping at Collegeville.

The Republican presidential candidate is booked for 37 other campaign appearances during his eight-day trip, including major speeches at Pittsburgh, Kansas City, and St. Paul.

TV or not TV

November 1949

Recently a plan was announced for financing a television set for the Rec Hall. The Student Council, after a cross-section of student opinion had been checked, decided to proceed on the information that students are in favor of purchasing the TV set, and are willing to contribute \$1.00 each toward the cost. Since the set is to be paid for by the students, it will be their property and better use and care of the equipment will naturally follow.

But the situation at the moment is definitely confusing. The proposed set, one of the best available, with a 16-inch screen, will cost approximately

\$450.00, including antenna and installation charges. At present, only \$95.00 have been contributed, and this sum was collected in Noll Hall alone. What has happened?

Two explanations are possible:

1. Members of the inter-hall council have been delegated to make the collection; they are to canvass their respective halls. Perhaps Noll Hall is the only one which has been thoroughly covered.

2. The students themselves, having shown a willingness to contribute, have now done an about face, and have decided that the idea isn't such a good

one after all.

But no matter what the explanation, a lack of cooperation is evident. The project is certainly a good one; a TV set will add much to the recreational facilities on the campus, especially on the cold winter nights which discourage trips to town. Boxing, wrestling matches, basketball games and other attractions on TV are not to be denied their popularity. We think a man is a bit illogical if he refuses to buy a box-seat at these events for the ridiculously low sum of \$1.00. The sooner the set is paid for, the sooner we shall enjoy our investment.

—D.L.C.

Laughing Hyenas at Movie

November, 1968

Dear Sirs,

My name is Gerry Schray. I am a senior majoring in philosophy. In the past 3 1/2 years, there have been many references made to the deplorable student attitude displayed at campus movies.

By means of your newspaper, I wish to make known to those who are responsible for the screaming, yelling, use of profane language, and all other asinine behavior at the movies, especially "No way To Treat A Lady," that if possible, I would like to spit in the eye of each and every one of you personally.

Conditions are bad enough when the usual group of fools have to howl and whistle at our usual "mammarial exhibitions" of Saturday and Sunday

nights. But when a decent motion picture is shown, it is a Damn (with a capital D) shame that this same pack of hyenas has to guffaw and snicker at every bit of flesh that becomes visible on the screen.

In the picture shown Saturday night, "No Way To Treat A Lady," there was a sequence at the beginning of the film where Rod Steiger, an insane murderer, placed the body of one of his victims in the bathroom.

As he was putting the body down, her gown rose up above her thighs and her panties were exposed to view.

At this point, so many filthy cracks and lewd remarks arose from the audience that one might have believed himself to be at the National Convention of

the Brotherhood of Necrophiliacs. I hope that point needs no extra clarification.

Secondly: it is no wonder that the co-eds who have recently been enrolled at our honorable institution of higher learning will seldom be seen out of the hall at night. They fear for their virginity. A girl cannot be blamed for having a just fear of walking alone or in the company of other girls at night on this campus.

No doubt these same sex fiends who frequent the campus movie house are on the prowl for feminine flesh when the moon comes up. There is much more I would like to say, but at the moment I am too irate to put it down on paper. Just sign me anxious to receive physical debate.

Students Demonstrate Control

February, 1980

by James Gwyn Jr.

Has anyone had trouble obtaining alcohol lately? The newly-enforced drinking regulations here have attempted to reduce the alcohol consumption on campus. It seems that our administration no longer feels we are adult enough to control our drinking at campus functions. Many times, this has been the case—but only for a chosen few.

Many Saint Joe students unfortunately have only one real social outlet—alcohol. This is a sad thing to say, but this "crutch" helps to temporarily relieve

much tension caused by any college atmosphere. Drinking is by no means the answer, but it is used as a way out.

Mixers have been one campus function where everyone could attend and socialize together—the only connection between students who would otherwise have little contact.

Beer at mixers and social blasts has been eliminated. As a result, mixers are not well-attended, and this could cause a shift to a completely dorm-oriented campus social life.

Since the changes in our

drinking regulations have taken place, the campus has acted fairly mature. Many felt the additional driving off campus to purchase alcohol would result in more off-campus incidents, but this has not been the case. Moreover, campus vandalism has not increased.

The feeling here is that our students can control themselves if they try. If we show the administration we can handle the alcohol situation in a mature fashion, we will be able to request more leniency on special occasions.

Note from the Editor

The Observer (formerly known as STUFF) is celebrating its 60th anniversary. As a tribute to 60 years of a student newspaper, the editorial staff went through old issues of the newspaper and picked out some of the more interesting, eccentric, and fun articles from Saint Joseph's past. As you read this special issue you will see that some things that happened would never happen today and some things just never change. The editors had fun digging up the past and we hope that you enjoy reading this special issue.

--Klaudia Janek

Observer Special Issue

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Letter to the Editor

November, 1967

Dear Sirs,

After reading Tuesday's bulletin I walked away with a kind of pride I've never felt before. The college has asked us to help them save money by reducing the amount of heat we use. This is a real opportunity for the students to help their college.

By simply shutting our windows while our heat is on, it follows that we will turn down the heat. Naturally. Everyone knows that with the poor circulation in our rooms we couldn't possibly turn the heat on too high without an open window—else we might suffocate.

By turning down the heat it might get rather chilly at night (as is often the case in Jasper County), but here again we find a chance to cut back on heating by buying more blankets. And

maybe the College What-Not-Shop in Halleck Center could run a special on army surplus blankets and thereby add the amount collected from the sale of blankets to that amount saved through heat reduction.

Just think of the infinite number of things for which this huge sum could be put to use. Maybe we could redecorate some offices or buy some more Iron Trees.

As Shareholders in Saint Joseph's College, Inc., the students now have before them the chance to really help augment the capital of their corporation. I'm truly proud that Saint Joe's is always one step ahead in this education business and that they have called upon little ole me to give them assistance.

Sincerely,

A. Shareholder

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Rep. Charles Halleck breaks ground for student center

November 9, 1961

Construction of the new student activity center of St. Joseph's college has begun. Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Rensselaer turned the first ground of the project in ceremonies held Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Nearly 300 people attended the groundbreaking ceremonies. After a blessing, and brief talks by Mr. Halleck and Fr. Raphael Gross, president of the college, the representative, and then nine others, turned ground with a silvered ceremonial shovel.

Fr. Leonard Kostka, chaplain of the college, blessed the

ground. The college Glee club, directed by Fr. Lawrence Heiman, concluded the ceremony by singing the Alma Mater.

Mr. Halleck, a native of Rensselaer, is the Republican minority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives. His father, Abraham Lincoln Halleck, once taught commercial law at Saint Joseph's.

It was through the effort of Mr. Halleck that the college acquired a \$1,700,000 loan from the federal Housing and Home Finance agency for the building of the student center.

Students protest dorm conditions

March 7, 1969

by James Ahr

Discontent over campus housing conditions came to a head on two fronts this week as Student Senators and residents of Merlini Hall confronted college administrators with complaints of poor hall maintenance and administrative bad faith in dorm matters.

The Student Senate presented Father Charles Banet, C.P.P.S., college president, with a letter which will be mailed to the parents of SJC students if a list of five complaints are not answered satisfactorily by Saturday. These complaints are:

- *Unclean and unsound washroom conditions in Drexel Hall;
- *Sporadic hot water in numerous dormitories;
- *Dangerous condition of the gravel road behind the New Dorm;
- *Non-completion of the Halleck Center basement lounge area by the promised date of March 1; and
- *Leaky pipes in Merlini which have been left exposed due to falling ceiling panels.

The Senate letter demanded that Drexel and Merlini conditions be corrected by Saturday and that the other three points be answered by reports to the satisfaction of the Senate. The Senate charged in the letter that the administration failed "to see our problem as consequential" and urged parents to write to Banet expressing their views on the conditions cited.

Merlini residents demonstrated this week in protest of what they alleged was bad faith on the part of the administration in not upholding their end of the promise to recarpet and refurnish Merlini's lounge. In return for painting and paneling the lounge—done at the students' expense—the college promised to recarpet the room and buy new furniture for it.

As of Monday, the new carpet and furniture had not yet appeared, and the Merlini students began demonstrating by displaying their present furniture on the dorm lawn, accompanied by signs calling attention to their predicament and the accompaniment of the William Tell Overture.

Meetings between Father Paul White, C.P.P.S., executive vice-president, and Father Raymond Cera, C.P.P.S., Merlini Hall director, have resulted in promises that the carpet will be installed within ten days and that the new furniture will be ordered on March 14.

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Fifty-Third Year Opens

October 2, 1943

The smallest number of enrolled students since St. Joseph's was made a senior college gathered in the college chapel, Sunday, September 20, for the official, solemn opening of the fifty-third scholastic year.

Faculty and prospective graduates marched in academic procession to the solemn Mass, of which the Rev. Fred Fehrenbacher, C.P.P.S., was celebrant. Doctor Aloys H. Dirkeen, S.T.D., president of the college, delivered the sermon.

Despite the decrease in enrollment, over 400 percent less than last year, brought about by the college's inability to obtain a military setup and the heavy loss of students to the armed forces, the doors of Science Hall were opened for classes September 21.

Official figures from the Dean's office show an enrollment of ninety-two students. Of these, forty-two are pre-philosophy students of the Society of the Precious Blood, forty-two are freshmen, twenty-eight are sophomores, ten juniors, ten seniors, and two student priests.

The east wing of Seifert Hall is the only residence hall open for the students, Drexel, Gaspar, and Noll having been closed completely.

SJC Farming Thrives



George Archibald, sophomore agricultural student, tends a 700 lb. boar on the St. Joe farm. The farm is largely responsible for the abundance of good food in the college cafeteria.

October 27, 1954

by Owen Weitzel

One of the most interesting phases of St. Joseph's is the vast amount of farming carried on within the 1600 acres of college boundaries. As the visitor travels along U.S. Highway 53, he can see the numerous fields of corn and soybeans. But crop-raising is not the only phase of work on the Collegeville farm.

Approximately 700 acres in back of Drexel comprises the livestock raising land. Most of this provides permanent pasture for cattle and hogs. The rest of the land is occupied by one large sow barn, a poultry slaughter house, and a crib with a capacity of 6000 bushels of ear corn. Besides these buildings, there are two large hen houses and six houses for broiler chickens.

Throughout the year there are about 900 to 1000 hogs on the farm. Among these are 70 sows, which bear two litters of pigs a year, with an average of seven pigs to a litter. When they reach approximately 200 pounds, they are sold.

Cattle is the second division in the livestock department. All are white-faced Herefords. When purchased they weigh from 500 to 800 pounds. After arriving at the farm, these cattle are placed in the 200 acres of permanent pasture, where they are allowed to graze. Upon reaching 1300 pounds, they are taken to the market and sold.

The third division of this section is poultry. In this line, the farm raises almost 3000 broiler chickens a year. Besides broiler chickens, there are 900 laying hens which provide eggs for the cafeteria. Every day about 300 eggs are gathered.

Excessive Water Usage Results in Early Dismissal

April 6, 1967

"Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink" applied to Saint Joseph's College on Thursday, March 9, and the whole situation eventually led to an unexpected 20-day vacation.

"School was dismissed because of the apparent determination on the part of some students to get out of school," states Father Paul Wellman, the college's business manager. "To achieve this end, they deliberately kept the showers and the sinks running, complemented by the clogging up and the flushing of toilets."

The whole affair started when the screens to the school's water wells, which act as filter system, finally became so dirty that they could not produce enough pres-

sure to keep up the student demand; soon the water tower was drained. The other pump was producing 200,000 gallons a day.

The following day, Wednesday, a second line was brought in from Rensselaer, making available an additional 110,000 gallons a day for college use, bringing the total to 310,000 gallons. The normal usage is almost 200,000 gallons per day.

The fact that this water was used more than normally, and that the available facilities could not provide the campus with water was evidence that some people were using water excessively, according to Father Wellman. He commented, "To some extent, the entire campus

was involved."

Then between 7:10 and 7:45 p.m. Thursday, a student gathering outside of Halleck Center protested the existing water situation. Finally, at 10:30, Father Charles Banet, president of the college, announced the dismissal of school.

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RADIO PRAISES ST. JOE STUDENTS

March 15, 1938

Eddie Chase, the master of ceremonies for the daily feature, "Make Believe Dance Land," out of WCFL of Chicago, paid tribute March 5 to students of St. Joe for the fine manner in which they accepted the recent quasi-quarantine for diphtheria.

Students who were not able to attend their classes spent most of their time listening to radio programs, and were quite agog at the mention of Collegeville over the ether.

After the cheerful well-wishing, Herbie Kay's orchestra dedicated "A Little Shack in the Valley" to the inmates of Dwenger Hall.

BIOLOGY LABORATORY HAS HUMAN SKULL

March 26, 1941

A human skull is the latest addition to the biology lab. It is carefully joined together so that the bones are easily recognized. Small doors on the outer surface give openings to the sinuses. The entire skull is put together in sections which affords an easy view of the internal make-up of the head.

Also added is the replica of the juncture of the leg bones at the knee. It acquaints the student with the operations between the femur bone of the upper leg and the ulna and radius bones of the lower leg.

Both of these additions are a distinct advantage to the Anatomy students.

DRAFT BOARD ENROLLS

ST. JOE MEN TODAY

Estimate 100 Names Filed By Nightfall

October 16, 1940

Men of St. Joseph's College between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive are registering today in accordance with the Selective Service Law, more popularly known as America's first peace-time draft.

The registration board will be visited by every eligible resident of the campus before the close of the day. Registrants will include clerical members of the faculty as well as resident students who are of age, although all priests will be exempt from conscription.

The registration board includes three members of the faculty—the Rev. Frederick Fehrenbacher, C.P.P.S., and Brothers John Marling and Cletus Scheuer, in addition to the Rev. Albert Gerhardstein, C.P.P.S., pastor of St. Augustine's church, Rensselaer, and the chief registrar, Ralph Myers. This is in accordance with government regulations for educational institutions.

Students are required to fill out a small card, giving their name and address, salient physical characteristics and other information. This will be sent to the registrants' local board. After registering, each person will be given a certificate which he is to carry on his person at all times.

Students are urged (by this scribe) not to get excited over the possibility of their being drafted, for the odds are 20-1 against any one person being among the first conscripts called. Besides, all college students are exempt until July 1, 1941.

Trapp Family Coming to Collegeville Jan. 24

December 1944

The Trapp Family Singers are coming to St. Joseph's. Attired in their picturesque Tyrolean peasant costumes, they will appear in the campus auditorium at eight Wednesday evening, January 24. Under the direction of their conductor, Dr. Franz Wasner, they will present generously of their repertoire of rollicking folk songs of many lands, delightful mountain yodels, rare old motets and madrigals, and seldom heard music for sixteenth century instruments.

Of the many press statements about the Trapp Fam-

ily concert, perhaps that of the Pasadena Star News epitomizes best the quality of these artists; it reads, "Their concert is like a mental and spiritual breath from far high places."

Father Gillis, editor of the Catholic World, writes, "To sit in a at a Trapp concert is to get a glimpse—much more than a glimpse, a two hours' revelation—of what Christian art and culture can do to make home life beautiful."

For the benefit of anyone who may otherwise miss this announcement, the Trapp Family concert may be heard over WBBM at two o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24.

Joe Puma Hits Road to Home After Finals

May 28, 1952

"Five minutes to go."

Joe Puma glanced on and grunted. He had just finished in time. As his last answer went down in the two-inch space provided for the questions "Outline the development of Western institutions," Joe sighed and wearily raised his head. Another final exam met and the situation taken well in hand. A swift check of his paper—seemed OK. True, he might have messed up on the question of comparing the influence of the local college newspaper on medieval agriculture, but he had written two pages on that point and hoped they would suffice. If not, the instructor could paint them red and shellac them and they would make a nice pair of bookends.

As the instructor called time, Joe slowly stood up, stretched refreshingly, and strolled up to the desk. Neatly dropping his 27-page question sheet on the desk with an

unmistakable "Plok!", Joe headed for the door and good old Wexley Hall.

"Well, Dave, just one more to go—Rollerskates' Euphuistic English test."

"You're lucky, Joe, I won't be out of here until the last possible moment. Ol' Prof. Demandcurve, my Uncontrollable Econ teacher, said we'd have our test Thursday at 10. How'd I know he meant 10 in the evening!"

"Take it easy. You didn't have it any worse than I did. Three tests Saturday, two Monday...and then Prof. Rollerskates' at 4 P.M. Thursday. How do you like that?"

Dave allowed as how he didn't particularly like the idea, but..."It gives you two whole days now to study."

"Yeh, and boy how I'll need them! We're responsible for two novels, 23 short stories, 10 essays and the Rensselaer telephone directory—the unabridged edition."

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In Retrospect... 1938-1968

400 Coeds To Brighten SJ Campus In September

April Fools Day, 1959

by Greg Mahoney

"St. Joseph's—A Small College for Men and Women," the college catalogue for the fall semester will read.

With the September enrollment of 400 women students, St. Joe, a men's college since 1889, will go co-educational. Final approval for the admission of women students and the establishment of a coed system was given in a final act of the outgoing College Board of Control at a special meeting on Saturday, March 28.

The announcement of the college's decision by the president on Easter Sunday

ended almost six years of debate and research regarding the possibility of making St. Joe coed. As early as 1954, the plan was put forward for consideration, but was turned down at that time and shelved.

In January of this year, the Board of Control reopened debate on the subject. Enough favorable proposals and suggestions were advanced to start "Operation Coed" rolling again in a favorable direction.

The Board of Control held its special meeting three days before the Society of the Precious Blood's Electoral Chapter at St. Joseph's. On

this date—Tuesday, March 31—the Society's American Province was to elect a new Provincial and four other new members to its seven man Board. (This issue of Stuff went to press on Monday and is unable to report the results of the elections).

A month before the final vote was taken, St. Joseph's sent out "feelers" to various girls' colleges and high schools in the midwest, outlining the tentative plans for coeducation here. Those girls who were interested were asked to send their application for admission as soon as possible.

To date, almost 750 appli-

cations have been received from high school seniors and those girls wishing to transfer from their present colleges. From this number, only 400 girls will be accepted for admission for the fall semester. Of this 400, 150 will be admitted as freshmen, 125 as sophomores, 75 as juniors and 50 as seniors.

The introduction of coeducation into St. Joe entails various changes in living facilities, curriculum, rules and student government. The details of these changes can be found elsewhere in this special edition of Stuff.

SA Plans to Sue For Turtles Group Snafu

February 15, 1968

Plans to sue the Turtles for last Sunday's concert snafu were announced this week by Tim Raykovich, Student Association president.

The proposed lawsuit arose from the abrupt cancellation by the Turtles of their concert appearance here last Sunday afternoon. Word of the cancellation was received from Chicago only 50 minutes before show time. Besides the financial loss incurred, Student Association officers fear that the incident will hurt the college's drawing power with girls' schools in future social activities.

General Artists Corporation (GAC), booking agency for the Turtles, informed the Student Association by telegram Sunday at 2:10 p.m. that the Turtles would be unable to appear because their lead singer has contracted laryngitis. Under the terms of the contract signed by the Student Association and GAC, the entertainers could refuse to appear if one of their number fell ill anytime before the concert.

Paul Kiffner, Student Association Vice-President and con-

cert chairman, said that the contract also failed to provide for a substitute group in the event that the scheduled group could not appear due to "Act of God" circumstances, such as sickness.

Monetary loss of the concert was \$1900, besides damage to the prestige of the Student Association. Basis for the Association's proposed lawsuit is both the monetary loss and the tarnishment which the Association's name received, which could lead to difficulties in future mixer plans.

Raykovich announced the cancellation at the mixer preceding the scheduled concert. Refunds to both Saint Joseph's students and to the girls' schools involved began this week.

Reaction to the news among the girls present was mixed. Sandy Brusko, senior at Academy of Our Lady high school in Chicago, bluntly said, "The concert was the reason I came down here."

Kathy Fleming, senior at Academy of Our Lady, and Diane Lampe, a freshman at Saint Francis College in Joliet, Illinois, agreed. "I gave up a

date to come here," Kathy complained, and Diane added, "I was greatly disappointed when I heard the concert was called off: that and the mixers were why I came here this weekend."

The other extreme of opinion was voiced by Laurel Rousch, senior at Academy of Our Lady. "I just came here to dance. Having the concert called off really didn't bother me."

Initial work on the planned lawsuit began Monday when Student Association Vice-President Paul Kiffner, Treasurer Mike Organ and the law firm of Dumas and Moriarity, the college's attorneys, met to discuss legal action. A sum of \$5000 was discussed as requested settlement in the suit, although deliberation on this matter continues. Expected trial time is in about two weeks.

In addition to the proposed lawsuit, the Student Association is also considering a move to refuse to do business with GAC for a length of time, possibly a year. Last year, the Student Association did over \$20,000 worth of booking with GAC,

the loss of which is expected to be felt by them. The next concert, presenting Tommy James and the Shondells on March 16, has already been planned through a different booking agency.

Besides the monetary loss incurred because of the concert cancellation, President Raykovich feared the results in future dealings with girls' schools.

"This cancellation can do nothing but harm our relations with girls' high schools and colleges. We're really going to have to do a rebuilding job on our image."

The rebuilding will include four "away" mixers at girls' colleges within the next two months in hopes of winning interest for future mixers at Saint Joseph's.

More "away" mixers, subsidized by the Student Association to minimize cost to the students, are seen as a possible alternative to the former concentration on dances here.

SEMESTER SONG

February 13, 1952

At the end of the first semester of every year, a traditional song is sung by students throughout the country. This song is entitled, "Next Semester." The refrain goes something like:

"Boy, next semester I'll really study. I'm gonna pour it on—cut the nonsense and pull up my index. No more foolin' around. I'm really gonna study...Next semester."

The scene changes. It is four months later. The student in question has just received his second semester grades. There is no cheer in his face; no light gleams in his eye. He is heard to murmur, in a less audible voice, "Next semester I'll study—get right down to earth and study. I'll get a 1.5 yet...Next semester." Repeat this scene at the end of the six succeeding semesters, with enthusiasm draining away at each new repetition of the theme, and you have the picture of unfortunately too many college students.

One of the advantages of a semester system is that it does give a person a chance to take a fresh outlook on life. If a student's grades are low one semester because he wasn't trying hard as he should have been, the student has a chance, by sincerely attempting to do better, to improve his condition proportionate to the amount of effort he expends.

Once more it is the start of another semester. If you are one of those who have been singing the Semester Blues, now is your chance to start from scratch again and really put meaning into your wishes. No one can help you more than yourself. Can you—will do it?—BTA.

Co-eds infiltrate sports activities

November 1968

By Ed Zgonc

Basketball players with pigtails? They're not an uncommon sight in the Fieldhouse now as an increasing number of co-eds make evident their interest in sports on a non-spectator level.

Reggie Stimson, freshman from Lancaster, Pa., sums up the feelings of many co-eds: "A lot of girls are interested in some type of athletic program, and they would like some activity this semester."

The co-eds presently have a closed gym period in the Fieldhouse from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, although conflicting events often take priority.

Richard Pawlow, head baseball coach and IM program director, explains: "Prime time couldn't be taken for the closed period. This would result in mass confusion, since the varsity basketball team practices daily from 3:00-5:30 p.m., and the IM basketball runs from 6:00-10:00 p.m. on weekdays."

Richard Scharf, director of athletics, terms the closed period a "trial stage," during which female participation in sports could be gauged. As of yet, this participation remains to be demonstrated.

"The biggest problem with the girls is communication," says Pawlow. With such a small number of girls, this is a definite problem." The four IM representatives from New Dorm East have yet to estab-



Cindy Smith and Reggie Stimson take advantage of athletic facilities at Alumni Fieldhouse. Basketball is among the several activities now open to co-eds.

lish a working relationship with the IM office.

Pawlow tried to set up a tennis program for the coeds earlier this semester, but failed to obtain a sufficient response. A bowling league is presently in the process of being formed by the IM office. Three boys and two girls would comprise a team, and at least four teams would be needed for the league. Students from any dorm may participate.

Co-ed volleyball and softball teams are scheduled for the second semester. No plans exist for a separate girls' IM program, according to Pawlow. "We couldn't alter any IM programs at present. The girls would have to fit into the new coeducational programs. As the ratio of girls to boys increases, the programs will change."

"Saint Joe definitely needs

more facilities," Pawlow continues. "We really don't have enough basic facilities for the boys yet."

Similar problems exist in the physical education program: the need definitely exists for a female physical education teacher to instruct the eight female physical education majors.

Consensus of opinion in the athletic department indicates that the co-eds have compounded an already-existing problem—the lack of basic athletic facilities.

Expansion of existing programs and the institution of new co-ed athletic programs will depend primarily on the response given to existing programs. Although the status of these areas remains vague, student interest will be the deciding factor of the direction taken in these activities.

Fieldhouse opens whole new vista for varsity and intramural athletic events

April 1941

Although the actual dedication date has been postponed until next fall, the Field House is already proving its worth. No longer will old man weather tell the Pumas when their practice sessions can be held. Rain or shine, baseball, football, or track teams are now able to drill

daily without interruption in the spacious building.

The new hardwood with its sleek lengthiness and broad expanse is the main feature of the new structure. Possibilities of seating two thousand spectators at a home game is another asset which cannot pass unconsidered. Greater teams attract greater

crowds; we have the same teams and now we have the facilities to handle greater crowds.

Sanitation and hygiene in the Field House is of the best available. Large equipment and training rooms are now in use. Modern showers and training facilities

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'Pumettes' vs. Saint Dom's Saturday in all-female touch football frolic

November 1968

A squad of Saint Joseph's co-eds will travel to Saint Dominic's in Saint Charles, IL, Saturday to do battle with the girls there in a game of two-hand, touch football at 2:00 p.m.

Coaching the Pumettes will be varsity football lettermen Mel Holtz and Tom Green, with John Bertrand, junior from Syracuse, NY, refereeing. The squad so far includes twenty-one Saint Joe co-eds from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kansas, Florida, and New Jersey.

"The girls looked good in

practice," said Coach Green, "and I think they should play a good game. They're out to win, that's for sure, and they should give Saint Dominic's a good fight."

Green added that practice sessions have produced several players who show special promise for Saturday's game.

He singled out quarterback Kay Zimecki, ends Cindy Smith and Reggie Stimson, and tackle Debbie Scott as special threats to the Saint Dom team.

Following the game, Saint Dominic's will sponsor a mixer with the "Rising Suns," from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Chicago Bears Set Up Training Quarters At St. Joseph's Of Indiana Officials, Coaches, Players Pleased With Cooperation

1944

Joe Puma, in hibernation for a year because of the lack of football activity at St. Joseph's brought about by the manpower shortage, had occasion to smile again with pride when Mr. Ralph Brizzolara, general manager of the Chicago Bears, World's Champion professional football team announced that the organization officials had chosen St. Joseph's of Indiana for the Bears; 1944-45 training site. Joe Puma has been smiling ever since.

Father Otto Signs Contract

In answer to a telegram of inquiry received early in July, the Rev. Joseph Otto, C.P.P.S., College Bursar, contracted the officials and completed the arrangements which brought the Bears here Aug. 9 for a three week training period in preparation for the Chicago Bear-All-Star game, won by the Bears, 24-21, at Dyche Stadium, Northwestern University, Aug. 30.

After viewing many possible sites for training, the Chicago officials pronounced the facilities at St. Joseph's the finest they had found. Mr. Brizzolara, Mr. Walter Halas (vice-president), and the famed coaches--Paddy Driscoll, Hunk Anderson, Luke Johnsos and Carl Brumbaugh--as well as the players praised highly St. Joseph's accommodations, fieldhouse, playing field, and especially the home-like meals which are prepared by the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

Vote favorable on Saint Joe football team - 634 to 90

October 1964

By John Halpin

Last Thursday, at a special convocation called by the Student Council, President Chuck Ryan called for a secret ballot of the student body as to the importance of football on the Saint Joe campus. Ryan told the 800 students assembled in Alumni Fieldhouse of the gravity of the situation. Ryan said that the ballot was suggested by the faculty Athletic Committee to help them and the Student Council investigate the situation.

Ryan tried to impress the assemblage with the importance of their vote. "Your vote tonight is tremendously important. The Athletic Committee is in the process of reviewing the entire athletic picture on this campus. Gentlemen, I urge you to vote accordingly to what you feel is best for Saint Joe's."

Then the ballots were

passed out with two questions on them. The first question was whether or not the student felt that intercollegiate football was an important part of his life at Saint Joe's. The last question was whether or not intercollegiate football should be continued on campus.

After the convocation, this reporter talked with Mr. Michael Davis, Professor of Geology and head of the faculty Athletic Committee. Mr. Davis pointed out that this vote was "nothing for the student body to become alarmed about.

This vote was merely suggested as a part of the Athletic Committee's continual investigation into athletics on this campus. We are trying to find out what the student feeling towards football is. Do the students want football on this campus? If not, there can be little justification in keeping the program." Mr. Davis

ended the interview by commenting that he was relatively sure that the student vote will indicate that football will be back at Saint Joe's in 1965.

The results of last Thursday's student convocation regarding the football team were made public at the Student Council meeting Tuesday. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of the football team, and show that opinion, by and large, on the campus is in favor of keeping the team active.

Council proxy, Chuck Ryan made the figures of the poll known. Regarding the first question, the overall response was: Yes, 579; No, 156. The response to the second question was an even more favorable: Yes, 634; No, 90. This, of course, places a great majority of the student body behind the team.

Ryan singled out for spe-



cial commendation the freshman class, who voted most strongly for the team, with a vote of Yes, 43; No 8. It was stressed that this class has only been here for one season, and that one possibly the worst in the history of the school, yet 81.9 percent of the class supported the team by their votes.

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add to the safety of our athletes.

The complete building measures 225 feet in length and 120 feet in width. The portable basketball floor measures 110 feet in length by 62 in width, allowing plenty of elbow room around the actual playing floor of 95' x 50' dimension.

Varsity teams, however, are not the only ones to benefit by the Field House. IM programs are now free to expand to almost unlimited intensity. Schedules and games will no longer conflict with varsity drills.

All this progress and stepped-up pace is credited to a very generous and interested Saint Joseph's Alumni Association. The Alumni swung into the Saint Joe victory march and gave to their Alma Mater this impressive edifice, which will stand as a lasting monument to their generous efforts.

In explaining why the convocation was held such a secret until just before it was announced, Ryan said that it was the opinion of the poll-takers that a more honest and spontaneous answer would be possible if the questions were asked point-blank, with no time to weigh pros and cons.

Red, Mark and Jim: Puma Cheerleaders

January 1940

"Come on, gang, spell it out with a J, and let's make it loud." Under the direction of our yell-leaders, Red Cahill, Mark Fecher, and Jim Gerstbauer, cheers such as this one have increased in volume and quality this year.

However, these cheerleaders have a great deal of work besides the actual cheering at the games. They have to practice all of the cheers continually; hold pep meetings before the games; and then put them across at the game. Yet for all their efforts, they get very little reward.

Red's a Bug

A veteran of last year is Red Cahill, who hails from

Youngstown, Ohio. Red's aim in life is to be an accountant. He is the one who gives you the jitterbug act each Saturday at the game.

Next we have Mark Fecher who comes to Collegeville from Dayton, Ohio. He hopes some day to become a doctor. Education comes natural to Mark, since both his father and mother are college professors.

Then there is Jim Gerstbauer. Jim is a native son of Mishawaka, Indiana, and he is studying for the priesthood. He is a familiar figure on the campus, having attended high school here.

Yell Leaders



At the head of every Puma cheer session are, top to bottom, William (Red) Cahill, Mark Fecher, and James Gerstbauer.

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This college once had a wrestling team, a bowling team...even a boxing team!

The Chicago Bears set up their training quarters at Saint Joe's in 1944.

Say What???

by Mike Nichols

A journey through some of the odder selections found in past issues of *Stuff*

Great Headlines

When searching through newspapers, generally the first things which catch my attention are the headlines and there were several times during my perusal of the old college newspapers that I was caught off guard. For instance:

Club Says Poetry Lovers Not Sissies

Under the obvious impression that this October 1939 article was a hard-hitting news story, I was somewhat disappointed to find that the article only discussed the local poetry club's attempts at proving themselves "non-sissies" in a passing comment by Rev. Paul F. Speckbaugh that "Keats was one of the most virile men that ever scribbled a verse." The headline was larger than an entire story about Japan's latest attack on China.

Now, what is one to think if he/she runs across this headline:

St. Joe Men Ignore Corsage Rebellion

Excuse me? Were people being attacked by corsages? The April, 1937 article did little to alleviate my confusion.

"Unperturbed by the corsage war of rebellion raging over their heads, St. Joe men will not heed movements of larger institutions who have banned the custom. Consequently, lady friends will embellish the dance of May 7 gorgeously adorned with the traditional array of gardenias, sweet peas, or roses."

War of rebellion? "Lady friends?" Sweet peas? Does this sound like a strange tradition to anyone else? I can, however, see why the students would become upset. After all, I wouldn't like it if someone tried to keep a lady friend of mine from wearing sweet peas.

The May, 1938 edition yielded this promising headline:

My Favorite Villain: Fu Man Chu

So interesting was this article that I had no choice but to include it in its entirety. Something about it screamed "Print me!" My comments are in parentheses and italics.

"I pass over bygone scoundrels as too ancient, and choose to give my readers an inside story of a villain who, disguised in the person of Fu Man Chu in the talkies and over the air, is living today. Fu Man Chu is a chinaman (as opposed to *Fu Man Chu the Spaniard*). He invariably portrays the part of a wretched opium peddler plying his racket between the far East and England (*I bet we all know someone like that*). His knowledge has availed him a drug with which he is able to gain sway over peoples' will power and to subject them to himself as slaves (*Finally, an explanation for Ross Perot's popularity*). A person having fallen into the hands of this Chinaman is helpless.

"Fu's exploits are woven around two special agents of Scotland Yard, Doctor Petrie and Nathan Smith, who were commissioned by England to smash the

Oriental's vast dope scheme. The detectives launched their investigation in quest of the smuggler along the water front of London -- the Limehouse of detective stories.

"Practically all of the characterizations of Fu Man Chu follow the same plot (*Kind of like an episode of Three's Company*). In one instance he captured Doctor Petrie and Nathan Smith by a cleverly designed trap. Having placed them under a pendulum until their bodies literally surged with blood (*a common method of torture, I assume*), he thought to do away with his investigators. Their bodies, discarded in an isolated woodland along the banks of the Upper Thames, were found by a hunter and taken to a hospital (*But only because the detectives were too large to fit on the hunter's mantel piece*). The men recovered. The sleuths again took up the trail of the dope peddler. Once more they were entrapped (*Dr. Petrie and Smith are obviously Scotland Yard's finest*). Auspiciously the captives intercepted Fu Man Chu off his guard and he was brought to justice.

"Thus you have an abbreviated glimpse of my favorite villain, the indomitable (almost) Fu Man Chu.

By Albert Reyman

What can a person say after reading that? Personally, I prefer Darth Vader. He didn't have to sell dope to get his kicks, and those detectives would not have been back to bother Vader a second time. And there would be no need for him to resort to using pendulums.

Back Page items back then

It was great to see that two signature items of the Back Page, poetry and movie reviews, were alive and well all the way back in the 1930's. Upon closer inspection, however, I noticed that there were some striking differences. First of all, the movies reviewed by a Mr. Tyrone Powers had titles such as "Too hot to Handle," "Hold that Coed," and "Meet the Girls." His praise for these films was very high, yet when he encountered a picture entitled "Men are such Fools," in September 1938, he merely remarked "Men aren't such fools." What's wrong, Tyrone? Feeling a little defensive? The poetry was similar.

For example, from a 1940 issue:

"Men have many faults
Women have but two
Everything they say,
And everything they do."

Strangely, this poem was anonymous. On a lighter note, there are the following works:

"I wish I were a kangaroo,
Despite his funny stance;
I'd never have to bother with
The pockets in my pants."

-- The Blotter, New Albany
"A little birdie sat in the street,
Along came a car,
Squish --
Shredded Tweet."

-- The Salem Club, Salem
Why is it we never write about
mutilated birds and people longing
to be kangaroos?

Final Curiosities

During April, 1940, a survey was conducted to discover the likes and dislikes of the Student Body, the results being published in *Stuff*. When asked the question "Which type of girl do you prefer?" 147 responded "brunette," 84 answered "blonde," and 23 preferred redheads. How insane! Didn't they know

that blondes have always been the best? (Stop writing that letter to the editor. I'M JUST KIDDING.) Another question was asked to determine the favorite brand of cigarette, yet I didn't see the corresponding question about the favorite type of cancer. Reassuringly, beer, followed by whiskey and wine, was voted the favorite drink. Some things never change.

And finally, proof in a 1937 ad that there is only one thing a person needs to see a movie in Rensselaer: a time machine.

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